

RAILROADS PLAN PUTTING WOMEN IN MEN'S PLACES

No Change to Be Made Until Actual Conscripted Begins.

New York, May 3.—Many large eastern railroads yesterday began arrangements to employ women in place of men called to arms by the draft.

Among the roads taking these steps are the New Haven, Lehigh Valley, Erie, New York Central, Pennsylvania and the Long Island.

All roads made it plain that no men would be displaced by women unless actually conscripted. Women will be used in departments not actually engaged in physical operation of trains.

At the offices of the Lehigh Valley it was said that women are being given preference in hiring of new employees in departments where they are able to do the work, as the management expects many men will be called to the colors within a few months.

The Lehigh is employing women as car cleaners and has made experiments with them as train dispatchers. The New York Central also is employing women as cleaners.

At the New Haven offices it was said there was no doubt steps would be taken to have women take the place of drafted men. The Long Island has already given work to scores of women and the experiment is declared to be a success.

Between 300 and 400 men employees of the Grand Central terminal are members of the national guard and are momentarily expecting a summons to duty. Arrangements are being rushed to put women in their places. Some have already left, and women are doing their work.

The Erie offices stated a shortage in male clerical labor was being faced. Women are being called in wherever possible.

"They may also be used to sell tickets and collect tickets also, for that matter," said one official.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey tests show the employment of women as clerks, ticket agents, telegraphers and in similar positions is "entirely feasible."

"This is a situation," it was said, "which every railroad and every industry must face. We might as well get ready in time."

The Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh have planned to place many women in clerical positions and will later try them in more important posts.

Officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad have decided to employ as many women as possible for lighter machine shop work, telegraphy, signaling, train dispatching, ticket selling, car cleaning and at telephones to release men for other lines of employment in which they will be greatly needed to meet the labor shortage.

Farewell Reception For Rev. T. B. Smith

Rev. Terrence B. Smith, new pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, a recent division of St. Mary's parish was tendered a farewell reception by the parishioners of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Waterbury, at the parish hall, Monday evening. A purse of \$1,000 was also given Father Smith by the people of the parish and the Waterbury lodge of Elks of which he is a member. The affair was largely attended.

When the hall was filled Monday evening the pastor entered escorted by William White and Thomas McCue, who had been appointed a committee for the purpose. As soon as he had taken his seat, near the front, Attorney Francis P. McEvoy, as master of ceremonies, appeared on the stage and announced the purpose of the gathering. He spoke of some of the events of Father Smith's pastorate, and declared that the people were not going to weep at his leaving, but rather to rejoice, "for we recognize the reward of true merit awarded by the Rt. Rev. Bishop John Joseph Nilan."

M. J. Ryan, M. V. Medling and William Merritt, a committee from the Elks presented the purse of gold above mentioned. Mr. Medling making the presentation speech in a very felicitous fashion, and Corporation Counsel Francis P. Guille, in behalf of the congregation, presented the check, in an equally appropriate speech. Speaking especially of the way the pastor had endeared himself to his people by his ready and sincere sympathy in joy or in sorrow.

Hearty and spontaneous applause greeted the pastor as he went on the stage to give his farewell address. He expressed the hope that when the Lord should call him to himself, those presenting him would say as many nice things about him as had been said to-night. He then spoke appreciatively of the good work of the various societies of the parish, especially of the Children of Mary, the Holy Name Society, the ladies' societies; of the altar boys and the choir; and of the teachers and pupils of the Russell School who always co-operated heartily in the church activities. "There was not anything done in the parish that was not prayed for," he said, "and we thank God for the special favors he has bestowed upon us." He went on to speak of his admiration and respect for the Elks, of whose organization he is a member, especially for their charitable work, so unostentatiously, yet so effectively done, and declared that he intended to keep his "membership in the local lodge that he might visit it, as well as his friends and former parishioners, often; adding that though his relations as pastor had ceased his relations as friend and neighbor had not.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS AWARD TRUCK CONTRACTS

Bids were awarded last night by the board of fire commissioners for the construction of a ton and one-half and a one-ton truck for the fire department. The Portner Motor Co. and the American LaFrance Co. were the successful bidders.

An orderly Socialist May Day procession was held in Amsterdam. Banners carried by marchers bore inscriptions calling for peace and main tenance of Holland's neutrality.

WILSON FINDS AMERICA UNITED FOR HOME RULE

British Commission Reticent, But U. S. Applies Pressure.

Washington May 3.—Though members of the British mission are reticent about discussing the question of home rule for Ireland and what they think about the agitation of the Irish question here depends to some extent on their personal attitude, it is known that President Wilson delicately conveyed to Arthur James Balfour, head of the British commission, his conviction that the definite settlement of the Irish question would be most helpful to public sentiment in the United States as well as in Ireland, and of incalculable value in the prosecution of the war.

That Mr. Balfour in his first report to London made mention of the strong sentiment in this country in favor of home rule for Ireland is quite generally believed. The understanding is that the President approached the matter in such a way as to give no offense to his distinguished visitor, putting it on the broadest possible grounds.

The fact that Lloyd George publicly announced that the Irish question must be settled on the day on which the suggestion of President Wilson became known is regarded as highly significant.

Keen interest is manifested here in official and diplomatic quarters in the statement of Lord Northcliffe, that Mr. Balfour has it in his power to settle the Irish question. In some quarters there is a disposition to interpret this statement as a hint to the British foreign secretary to corral all the Irish sentiment he can on this side with a view to utilizing it as a lever to force action.

A few here expressed sympathy with the view of Major Newman (Unionist) in Parliament, that the Irish question is one of domestic concern, only and even an allied nation such as the United States should not interfere in it. Major Newman demanded to know whether the government proposed to continue to disregard the interference by American statesmen through the medium of petitions. A Bonar Law member of the war council, promptly remarked that there was no occasion for any action in this matter by the government.

This suggests to many persons here the possibility that the Lloyd George government is definitely and finally committed to a settlement of the Irish question now, and would welcome expressions of opinion by leading statesmen and citizens of the United States which bolster up its determination.

One close student of international politics and the war remarked that nothing that could happen in the immediate future would be quite as valuable to the allied cause as the granting bona-fide home rule to Ireland.

One question which is being discussed in this connection is what would become of the Ulsterites. Many of them, it is believed, would leave Ireland if home rule were established under a single government. It is suggested that some arrangement might be made by the British government or other agency for taking over property of those who might wish to leave the island under the new regime.

FATHER TRAYNOR BIDS FAREWELL TO PARISHIONERS

Rev. Matthew Traynor, for the last 15 years pastor of St. Michael's church, Waterville, recently appointed pastor of St. Mary's church by Right Rev. John J. Nilan, bishop of the Hartford diocese began his duties in his new field of labor yesterday.

At all the services at St. Michael's church, Sunday Father Traynor bade his flock a touching farewell. He recounted to his parishioners the struggle which was finally crowned with success. The clergyman extended a hearty welcome to all to come and visit him in his new parish and asked them to remember him in their prayers.

Father Traynor spoke as follows: "My dear people, the day has come when I must bid you all good-bye. It is with the most bitter regret that I have been called away from the little parish and its beloved people to a new field of labor. But such a day comes into everyone's life, and to-day is set apart for me."

"Fifteen years ago when I first took over the work in Waterville, we had a little wooden structure to hold our services in. At that time there were but few people in the parish. On Sunday the receipts would total less than \$10 and there was a large debt on the church. To-day we have as fine a church as any in the state for a But this has been no easy thing to accomplish. Through your generosity and co-operation, which has been all that any pastor could ask for we have done this noble work."

"And the recording angel has seen all this and has kept an account of our struggles, which I know some day will be rewarded. The church property to-day is valued at close to \$25,000. "There have been preparations made for the future by the purchase of additional land. At the present time there is but a debt of \$2,500 on the church. "When I turn this parish over to my successor Rev. David O'Donnell, who will assume control this week, I do so with a feeling that all the work has been done that could have been accomplished and that there are no heavy debts on the church which the new pastor will have to meet. I feel we have things in such a way that my successor will have no obstacles in his path for a number of years. I hope that you will do for him as you have done for me and that he will serve you even better than I have."

"During my 15 years' active service in your midst I have been constantly looking forward to your comfort and welfare. When any of you had family troubles, sickness or death and I like, they were also my troubles, and

laying waters. At any rate, along came Mary and laid a big bet with some sports in the neighborhood that she could travel the distance mentioned above in the stated hours. Everybody ridiculed her. Such a thing was unheard of. Just how she did it history fails to mention, but it is evident that she did it either on horseback or in a coach or both. They had no railroads in those days and high powered motor cars, why even the mention of such a thing would have sent one to the madhouse. Anyway, Mary completed the journey in a little more than two-thirds the stated time and when she returned to her native town the people strewed flowers in her path."

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"In the past 15 years we have had 619 baptisms and 109 converts. We have not kept a record of the deaths only from 1905, and from that time there has been 127 deaths in the parish. This is but a brief outline of the conditions in the parish as I have it and I sincerely hope that you are all satisfied with the result of my 15 years with you."

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